



4 Day Gorilla Trek for Sands @ Nomads & Chale Island

Visited countries

Uganda

Uganda is a landlocked country located in East Africa on the shores of Lake Victoria. It is packed full of geographical and cultural diversity which is illustrated by the number of Lakes, Forests, Mountains, Rivers, Savannah Grasslands and Traditional Customs that it possesses. This is the principal reason why Uganda is commonly known as the "Pearl of Africa" a name given by Sir Winston Churchill gave this name to Uganda in his book "My African Journey."

Uganda is famous for The Mountain Gorillas of Bwindi and The Chimpanzees of Kibale no other country has two of the 3 great apes within their borders. The Source of the Nile in Jinja, Tree Climbing Lions in Ishasha, Murchison Falls, Hippos in the Kazinga Channel, the remote beauty of Kidepo and Lake Victoria itself all culminate to make Uganda an incredible place to visit. However we are sure that despite all those breathtaking attractions it is The People of Uganda that make this country the wonderful destination that it is.



Regions to discover

Central Region

The Central Region of Uganda is home to the two principal cities, Kampala which is the capital city and Entebbe, although the distance between the two cities is only around 30kms the journey time is severely traffic dependant. The region of Uganda is characterised hilly terrain with marshland valleys. Due to the curved shore line of Lake Victoria both cities are close to the Lake and can act as a gateway to the rest of Uganda's other principal cities to the east, west and north of Uganda as well as a good starting point for shorter weekend breaks to islands on Lake Victoria.

The Central Region is the historical seat of the Baganda Kingdom with the Kabakas Palace, Kisubi Royal Tombs and other Royal sites are found in this region.



Western Region

The Western Region of Uganda has houses the majority of the National Parks in Uganda. Lake Mburo, Mgahinga, Bwindi, Queen Elizabeth, Kibale, Rwenzori, Semiliki and Murchison all feature in this region. The region also has a rich cultural history with a lot of traditions still prevalent today. The Kingdoms of Ankole, Bunyoro, Kigezi and Toro all hail from this part of Uganda. Each tribe has a discrete heritage which you can see in abundance as you explore this area of Uganda.

Due to the climate and altitude in Western Uganda there are many Tea and Coffee plantations dotted over the landscape which is also punctuated by stunning natural crater lakes and forests making a journey into the area an adventure in itself. But it doesn't stop there, Lake Buyonyi, Lake Mutanda, Lake Edward, Lake George and Lake Albert are also found here, bringing with them an unrivalled beauty that can only be found in this region of Uganda.



Itinerary map



Travel summary

Day 1 : Entebbe - Lake Mburo N. P

Day 2 : Lake Mburo N. P - Bwindi N.P

Day 3 : Bwindi N.P - Buhoma - Bwindi N.P

Day 4 : Bwindi N.P - Entebbe - Entebbe Airport

Day 1: Entebbe - Lake Mburo N. P

Your Ugandan Safari Adventure begins today with your first destination Lake Mburo National Park. An early start will see you head west on a scenic drive towards the heartland of the Ankole Kingdom. The drive is one of the most scenic in Uganda as you transition out of the suburbs of the city and into open marsh and the grasslands, where the famous long horned Ankole cattle graze.

One of the best activities to do in Lake Mburo is a scenic boat ride on the lake. This is one of the best ways to see the diverse wildlife that the Park has. The boat ride can be done at dawn or dusk depending on your safari itinerary and will normally take around 2 hours.

All the rides begin at the Rwonyo jetty, it will not take you long before you begin to see large groups of hippos in the water as well as crocodiles and buffalo lining the banks of the lake. The lake is also famous for its bird life, from majestic fish eagles, colourful kingfishers, to hammerkops and there enormous nests. If you are really lucky you might even catch a glimpse of the rare shoebill storks

Overnight Mihingo Lodge



Day 2: Lake Mburo N. P - Bwindi N.P

A Game drive in Lake Mburo National Park are a perfect way to begin or end and Safari in Uganda. The park has a variety of wildlife that almost contradicts its small size in comparison to the other parks in Uganda. The park doesn't have any large cats apart from leopards who are normally only seen at night

Lake Mburo has a large variety of antelopes including: topi, duiker, oribi, reedbuck and klipspringer and Rothschild's giraffe have recently been reintroduced. However the highlights of the park have to be the Burchell's zebra and eland which are only found in two National Parks in Uganda.

Saying goodbye to Lake Mburo National Park is never easy. It has an uncanny ability to charm visitors with its peaceful and tranquil atmosphere, stunning landscapes and great wildlife viewing. The safari will continue westwards leaving the Ankole Kingdom, heading towards Bwindi and the Kigezi Kingdom, home of the heavy weights!

Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge



Day 3: Bwindi N.P - Buhoma - Bwindi N.P

Today you will wake up full of excitement about the Gorilla Trekking experience that lies ahead. An early start will see you transfer to the Park Headquarters for a briefing with the Uganda Wildlife Authority guides. An advance party of guides will have gone ahead into the forest to locate where the gorillas slept the previous night and will have begun to track their movements. These guides will communicate with your team via a walkie talkie and the trek into the forest will begin.

Locating the Gorillas can take a few hours or the whole day depending on how far they have moved from the place they spent the previous night. For conservation purposes, time allowed with the Gorillas is 1 hour. As you trek in the forest will appreciate why the forest is called impenetrable. There are also a multitude of other animals that you might encounter including antelopes and rare monkeys not to mention the beauty of the forest itself. Once you have completed the trek you will return to the lodge, for a well earned rest and time to reflect on a truly magical experience.

At Let's Go Travel we try and support the communities that we interact with as part of the business we run, with a view to minimising the impact we have on communities as well as ensuring that they too benefit from our operations. One such community in the Buhoma area of Bwindi is called Ride 4 a Woman. You will get to visit these incredible women and learn more about their story!

Overnight at Mahogany Springs Lodge



Day 4: Bwindi N.P - Entebbe - Entebbe Airport

The end of your incredible safari is now upon you! During this final leg of the trip you will leave Bwindi and the Kigezi Kingdom and head back towards the Buganda Kingdom. There are not many places in the world that have the wide range of wildlife, nature beauty and culture. We hope you took loads of great photos and had a wonderful experience that will live with you for a long time.

We truly hope you have had a memorable experience that you will remember for many year to come. Have a safe onward journey and we hope that Uganda will always be close to your hearts!



Hotels & Lodges

Mhingo Lodge

Lake Mburo N. P

Category: 4*
<http://mihingo-lodge.com/>

Mhingo is a family owned lodge in a magical setting adjacent to Lake Mburo National Park. Perched high on a rocky kopje, it has spectacular views over a vast savannah landscape.

An infinity pool overlooks the valley below where buffalo, eland, impala, warthogs, bush buck and zebra can be seen at the waterhole. On the rocks you may have the rare chance of seeing the resident family of Klipspringers.



Mahogany Springs Lodge

Bwindi N.P


Category: 4*
<http://www.mahoganysprings.com>

Mahogany Springs Lodge offers privacy and serenity blended with optimal comfort in a spectacular setting. With some of the most luxurious accommodation in East Africa the feeling that you will experience when staying here is beyond compare.

This is the perfect base from which to begin your Gorilla Tracking or Bird watching adventures. The Gorillas have been known to visit the lodge and coming face to face with one of these peaceful creatures is an indescribable experience.



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